



# LARC



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### REGULAR MEETING

Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, - 7 PM  
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM - Door Prizes

### HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Minden, LA - December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hammond, LA - January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### Each Wednesday

**Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery  
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

### Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

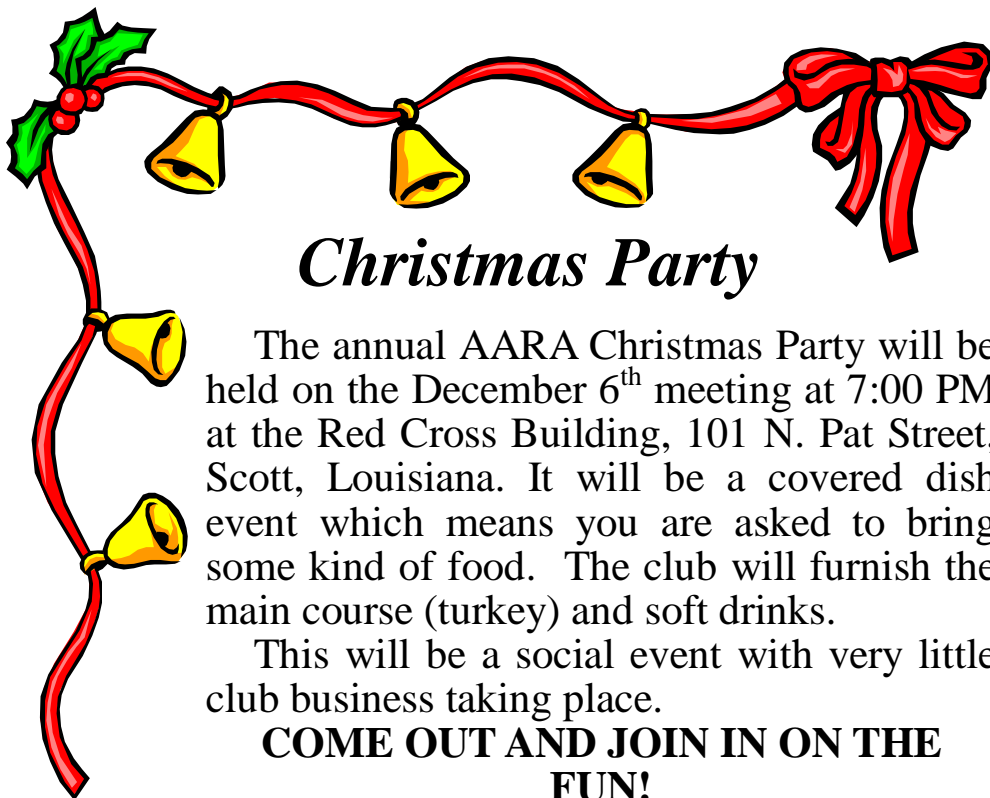
AARA Net 146.820 - 600

### Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5  
YL/XYL / Filly Net 146.820 - 600

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 1:00 p.m.

HEAL Net 146.820 - 600



## Christmas Party

The annual AARA Christmas Party will be held on the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana. It will be a covered dish event which means you are asked to bring some kind of food. The club will furnish the main course (turkey) and soft drinks.

This will be a social event with very little club business taking place.

**COME OUT AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!**

### AARA OFFICERS 2007-2008

**President - Charlie Morrison KI5XP**  
ki5xp@w5ddl.org

**Vice Pres - Dick Melcher WA6MDI**

**Secretary - Randy Castille N5MLJ**

**Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS**

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
American Red Cross Building  
101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

At the October AARA General Meeting our President at that time, Stratos Imvriotis KE5I, resigned as President due to job commitments. A election was held at the November AARA General Meeting and Charlie Morrison KI5XP was moved from Vice President to President. Dick Melcher WA6MDI replaced Charlie as Vice President. These officers will fill in until the 2008–2009 election takes place.

A nominating committee has been selected to choose perspective officers for the upcoming year. Their selection will be presented at the January 2008 meeting. Nominations from the floor and the election will take place at the February meeting. The new officers will be installed at the March meeting.

If you have any suggestions as who you would like to have as new officers for 2008—2009, contact our nomination committee chairperson Danny Griffith K5ARH or one of the committee members, Herman Campbell KN5GRK or Danny Daigle KD5JSM.

## 2008—2009 Club Dues

It is that time of the year when you are expected to consider paying your club dues for the upcoming year. Everyone **MUST** fill out an application and turn it in with your dues to the club treasurer Joy Breaux N5YCS.

You can download a application in Adobe Acrobat .PDF at the following website. Make sure you fill out all the information.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/memberlist.htm>

## Scott, Louisiana Special Event W5S Report

The AARA special event station celebrating the Scott, Louisiana Centennial on November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> was pretty much a success. It was a most beautiful day on Saturday and a little overcast and breezy on Sunday. We operated on 20 meters and 146.520 MHz simplex and made a 138 contacts.

We started off on generator but had some problems with contaminated fuel lines and ended up using commercial power.



**PICTURES:** (Top Left): Larry KE5KJD making contacts. (Top Right): Maureena KB5SMX and John KA5BSE. (Bottom Left): AMOS Van. (Bottom Right): Some of the festivities. (Center): Scott Mayor Mrs. Hazel Myers & John with a laminated copy of the W5S certificate.

Mrs. Myers was really impressed with our club's participation and bestowed a big "THANKS" to everyone involved in this project. We all had a very good time.

**Those that operated and help setup and takedown were:** KA5BSE John, KB5SMX Maureena, KD5JZN Dean, KE5KJD Larry, KE5KJF Sandy, KD5JSM Danny, KE5AWZ Mike, W4JHC John, WA6MDI Dick, W5MLE Fred, KE5JXC Arnold, NA5Q Roland, and KN5GRK Herman.

## HEAL NET

Be sure to check in on the HEAL NET every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 1:00 PM local time on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette. Larry KE5KJD called the net for November and will appreciate anyone wising to help as NCS.

### November HEAL Net Report

DATE:	Medical Personnel	Guest	Medical Facilities	Time / Traffic
11/02/07	2	5	2	15 min/0
11/16/07	4	6	3	19 min/0

## November VE Test Session Results

The results of the November 1<sup>st</sup> VE test session are:

Patrick D. Trahan of Carencro passed his technician and now has the call KE5RGY.

Helen M Bergeron KE5QLU of Morgan City upgraded to EXTRA. You may remember Helen, she is the young lady that showed up in September and passed the Technician test. She returned in October and passed the General with a perfect score. She returned in November and passed the Extra with a perfect score.

VE's were Danny K5ARH, Charlie KI5XP, Albert KF5WP and Rick N5RLM.

VE Test Sessions are on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the AARA General Meetings. Bring your CSCE's and \$14.00 test fee, a copy of your driver's license and amateur radio license.

## Upcoming Notable Events for 2007

### December

AARA Christmas Party—December 6<sup>th</sup>.

AARA Board Meeting—December 14<sup>th</sup>

Minden Amateur Radio Association Hamfest—Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> at:

Minden Civic Center  
520 Broadway Street

Minden, LA

Talk-in: 147.300

Contact:

Dusty Collins, KB5WFE

231 Garrett Drive

Dubberly, LA 71024

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E-mail: dusty@bellsouth.net

**Help Keep Amateur Radio Alive  
in Acadiana!**

## HAM RADIO CLASSES

During the last 6 weeks, the AARA in conjunction with the Children's Museum of Acadiana held a course to obtain a Technician Class Amateur Radio License. Twenty four persons from ages 10 to 50 had signed up for the course.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> a test session was held and 18 took the test, out of those 18, 15 ended up passing their Technician License and by the time you read this article, they will have their license in hand. I understand that four are in one family.

The instructors for this course were: Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Roland Guidry NA5Q, and Charlie Morrison KI5XP.

Radio demonstrations were given by: Fred Marshall W5MLE and John Martin KA5BSE.

VE's were: Danny Griffith K5ARH, Roland Guidry NA5Q, and Charles Morrison KI5XP.

Also, our THANKS go to Marvita Hudson CMA Director and her staff for a job well done for allowing us to use the Children's Museum of Acadiana facilities and furnishing refreshments to students and instructors.

Congratulations to the following students that tested on November 15<sup>th</sup> test session and have officially received their Technician license. Most have been notified by e-mail of their new call signs.

Karen Marshall KE5RPI was the first to use her new call to make her first contact to Herman KN5GRK. She must have been waiting on-line when the FCC typed it into the data base.

Cheri Valenti	KE5RPE	Glenda Tucker	KE5RPG
Paula Roberts	KE5RPD	Jo Ann Pugh	KE5RPL
Jack Myers	KE5RPJ	Robert Roy	KE5RPC
Karen Marshall	KE5RPI	Catherine Roy	KE5RPH
Joe Fain, Sr.	KE5RPQ	Archibal Hill	KE5RPM
Barbara Fain	KE5RPP	Gayle A. Guidry	KE5RPN
Jim Wattigny	KE5RPK	Donald J. Guidry	KE5RPO
Leah Wyatt	KE5RPF		



## Pearl River County ARC Hamfest December 8<sup>th</sup>

The Pearl River County ARC will host their first hamfest on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Poplarville Fairgrounds in Poplarville, MS.

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Admission: \$1:00

Tail gate fee: \$3.00

Table rental fee: \$10.00

Prizes: Unknown at this time but under consideration.

Concession space provided:

Inside over 5000 square feet of space with air conditioning and heat. Covered outside with plenty of parking space.

For direction, call Jim WA5WRE at 601-795-6583 or cell at 601-795-5357 or e-mail me at:

world@datasync.com

Or call Roger at: 601-795-3570

## Correction

In the November issue of the LARC some errors were noted in the SET Report.

It was reported that KE5NTW Brockman was located at the Abbeville General Hospital. It should have read: KE5NTW Mark at the Opelousas General Hospital.

Also, KE5LBH Paul, was located at the Abbeville General Hospital and did not get on the list. Please make note of these corrections.

## Hollingsworth to Stay Put at FCC

SB QST ARL ARLB024

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, has decided not to retire. He had announced last week that he would leave the FCC in January 2008.

Riley states, "After spending the entire weekend thinking about the decision [to retire], it became more and more clear to me that it just isn't the right decision for me right now. There are several issues on the table that I want to continue to work through with the amateur community."

The Enforcement Bureau is the primary organizational unit within the Federal Communications Commission that is responsible for enforcement of provisions of the Communications Act, the Commission's rules, Commission orders and terms and conditions of station authorizations, as well as enforcement of Amateur Radio rules (Part 97).

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy  
New Year!*



*from all of us at:*

**AARA**



## SkyWarn Recognition Weekend

December 1st & 2nd, 2007 was SkyWarn Recognition Weekend. Members of the AARA went to the Lafayette Parish EOC Saturday morning at 0900 until 1315 and operated the new equipment to make contact with numerous National Weather Stations across the nation in conjunction with SkyWarn members. This also gave us a opportunity to familiarize ourselves to the new equipment. The Icom 756 PRO III's are really nice radios with lots of features and I know for a fact that I need a lot of training.

While we were there, I took a few pictures of those that showed up and would like to share them with you.



The picture on the top left is the two Icom 756 Pro III stations at the Lafayette Parish EOC. Picture on the top right is the crew. (Standing left to right). Dick WA6MDI, Larry KE5KJD, Ed WA5TNK, John KA5BSE, Archie KE5RPM (newly licensed from the Children's Museum of Acadiana class), Steve KF5VH, John W4JHC (seated) and Herman KN5GRK (not shown) taking the pictures. The picture on the

bottom left is John W4JHC making a few contacts.



12/5	WADE	KE5NIN
12/8	FRED	KE5LP
12/9	ROLAND	NA5Q
12/10	LOUIS	KE5GLB
12/13	AL	N5WWS
12/13	COURTNEY	KE5PMF
12/14	EARLINE	KE5LBU
12/21	JIM	N8OVD
12/22	THADDUS	KE5LCG
12/22	HEBERT	KE5LCK
12/22	GERARD	KD5VPC
12/29	RANDY	N5MLJ
1/1	NICK	NICK



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be on the list.

## December Special Events & Contests

Dec 1-9	W3HEM/W3GR—Historical Electronics Museum—Use of electronics during Pearl Harbor.
Dec 7	W5KID—USS Kid—Pearl Harbor Day—Baton Rouge, LA
Dec 7-9	AB5BG—Pearl Harbor—A Day That Will in Infamy.
Dec 8	NI6IW—USS Midway (CV-41)—Remembering Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 8-9	ARRL 10 Meter Contest—See Nov. QST page 102.
Dec 8-9	Russian 160 Meter Contest—CW and phone.
Dec 8-10	WX3MAS—Nazareth-Bethlehem, PA—Annual Christmas greetings from the twin cities.
Dec 15	OK DX RTTY Contest—Sponsored by the Czech Radio Club
Dec 15-16	PSK31 Death Match—80 thru 6 meters.
Dec 15-22	W8ZQ—Festival of Lights—Wheeling, WV
Dec 24-31	N1C—New England Christmas—Newington, CT
Dec 28-Jan 6	Worked All Britain Christmas Party—(CW, SSB, Digital)
Jan 1	ARRL Straight Key Night—See Dec. 2007 page 98.

These are just a few of the Special Events & Contests Check QST or ARRL Website for details and QSL information.

## Welcome New AARA Members

The following are first time new members to our club. If there are any ham related problems, questions or opinions you may have, we would like to hear from you. Don't hesitate to call upon our membership for help.

NILES STELLY—KD5RKN

## Col. Jefferson Joseph DeBlanc Sr. W5YDC—SK

ST. MARTINVILLE - Jefferson DeBlanc W5YDC became a silent key on Thursday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, at Lafayette General Medical Center. Jefferson was buried at St. Michael Cemetery in St. Martinville with a full military detail.

Jefferson was one of Louisiana's most highly decorated veterans, whose military service record narrates of many heroic efforts during several campaign battles of World War II receiving the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

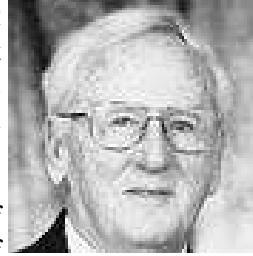
For a more detailed description of Colonel DeBlanc's military career, check out these websites - you will be amazed!

Video clips from the History Channel's series "Dogfights".

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_32ZspW80v4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_32ZspW80v4)

More about Jefferson DeBlanc's career.

<http://www.medalofhonor.com/JeffersonDeBlanc.htm>



## A Day of Coincidences

Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was a day of many coincidences for me.

**First**, I had went to a local store and made a \$6.87 purchase and handed the cashier a \$20.00 bill, she said: "you have \$13.13 coming back and that sounds like a mockingbird", I replied: "Yea, 1313 Mockingbird Lane is the home of Herman Munster on TV and my name is Herman also", she said: "what a coincidence, for real?"

**Second**, I went to our Lunch Bunch gathering and was engaged in a conversation with a fellow ham and we started to talk about the LSU / Arkansas game and I told him that I expected Arkansas to win as I am originally from Arkansas. I also told him that during my three years in high school in Little Rock, our team never lost or tied a game during the whole time, 33 games straight. I don't think he believed me. Well, when I got home and checked my mail box, I had a envelope from a publishing company and they are printing a book about my high school football team. Seems that it was not 33 games but 35, they won the first two games after I had graduated, making them the top high school team in the nation. In the envelope was a reprint from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette dated September 18, 2007 of an article titled "Tigers of 1957 are still attention getters". The name of the book to be published is titled "Team of the Century: 1957".

**Third**, later on that evening I decided to do a Google search on my old high school's amateur radio club call W5RFS and came up with a web site of a fellow 1957 classmate, Charles Cone W4GKF, now living in Atlanta, GA. His web site recalls a lot of things I remember when I was there, especially the "Model T coil" incident. I e-mailed him and received a reply, he remembers me. How about that!

This is his web page URL, check it out.

<http://69.89.25.185/~trexsoft/t-rexsoftware.com/w4gkf/highschool.htm>

Herman  
KN5GRK

## Cajun Cup 2007 Highlights

Again the AARA took part in the annual AT&T Cajun Cup 10K Run through downtown Lafayette on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year we were a little short on volunteers to man the stations along the course but we did the best we could do. Danny K5ARH handed out the "T" shirts just before the race which kicked off at 8:05 AM. Left over shirts will be give out as door prizes at the next few meetings.

Kevin Castille again won the with a time of 30:05 minutes, this guy can run like no one else.

John and Maureena KA5BSE & KB5SMX were down at the finish line on HT's to receive info from the spotters to the race officials. Those helping out in the race were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH  
John Martin KA5BSE  
Maureena Martin KB5SMX  
Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD  
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF  
Roland Guidry NA5Q  
Herman Campbell KN5GRK



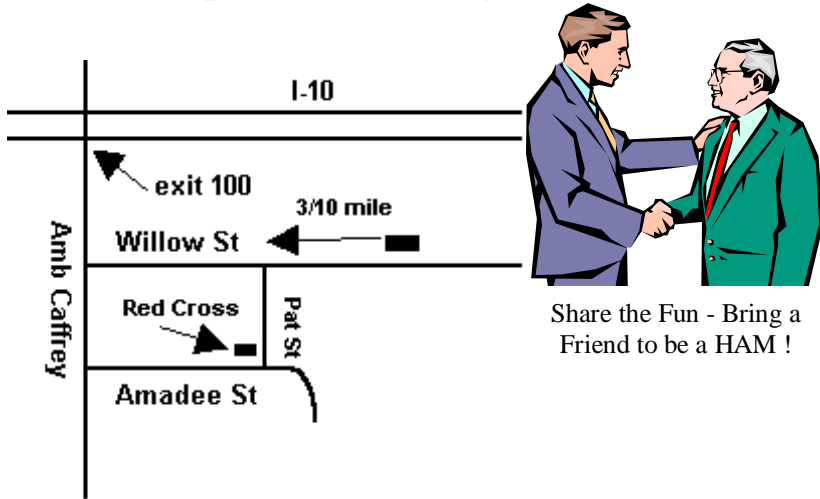
Maureena & John



Larry & Sandy

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**AARA GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007—7:00 PM**  
**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**  
***CHRISTMAS PARTY***  
**Pay your dues if not so done already!**

COMPLEMENTARY  
ISSUE

## **Chocolate Butter Cookies**

(from the month of December — Teche Federal Bank Calendar)

3/4 cup sugar	1 teaspoon almond extract
3/4 cup butter, softened	1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 egg	1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa

Combine sugar and butter in large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy (1 to 2 minutes). Add egg and almond extract; continue beating until well mixed (1 minute). Reduce speed to low, beat gradually adding flour and cocoa and scraping bowl often, until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes).

Divide dough into thirds. Wrap each third in plastic food wrap; refrigerate until firm (2 hours or overnight).

Heat oven to 375°. Shape dough with floured hands, one-third at a time (keep remaining dough refrigerated), into 1-inch balls. Form balls into desired shapes (balls, squares, logs, etc.).

Place 1 inch apart onto un-greased cookie sheets. Bake for 7 to 9 minutes or until set. (Surface may crack slightly.) Cool completely. Decorate as desired.

Submit your favorite recipes to:

Herman KN5GRK at:  
[kn5grk@bellsouth.net](mailto:kn5grk@bellsouth.net)



## **FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE**

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or [ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov). Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245